



Queen Elizabeth II

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4th Child Born to Elizabeth--- and It's a Boy

LONDON (AP)—Queen Elizabeth II, Tuesday night gave birth to her fourth child—a prince who may be called James.

The new prince is third in line for the throne, ranking behind his brothers, Prince Charles, 15, and Prince Andrew, 4, but ahead of his sister, Princess Anne, 13.

The birth took place in the Belgian suite on the ground floor of Buckingham Palace.

"The Queen was safely delivered of a son at 8:20 p.m. this evening," a bulletin from the palace said. "Her majesty and the infant prince are doing well." The bulletin did not state his weight.

Father Delighted

Prince Philip, 42, the father, said: "I am delighted."

Heads of Commonwealth governments were quickly informed and the birth signaled a period of national rejoicing.

The news started a stream of congratulatory messages flowing to Buckingham Palace from around the world.

In Washington, President Johnson said he was "very pleased to learn of the birth" and he prepared a personal message to the queen.

Cheerful crowds gathered outside the palace after television and radio programs were interrupted to announce the queen was in labor. They set up a huge cheer as a palace official

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Kent are expecting babies this spring.

No name for the new baby has yet been announced. But the queen is a descendant of ancient Scottish lineage on her mother's side and is known to favor Stuart names. Guessing in the unofficial palace sweepstakes has therefore settled mainly on James.

The baby was delivered by a team of five doctors headed by Sir John Peel, 59, the gynecologist who has been on hand for the birth of all the queen's children.

News Spread

Prince Philip spread the news to the royal household and telephoned Queen Mother Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

Prince Charles, at school in Gordonstoun in Scotland, also was told. So was Princess Anne at school at Benenden in Kent.

Soon after birth, the prince was placed in cream-painted cradle trimmed with satin and lace which the queen as a baby and her three other children all occupied in their time. It is expected that he will also inherit Prince Andrew's crib and baby carriage. For the queen, like her grandmother Queen Mary, does not believe in unnecessary extravagance.

Salutes Scheduled

The baby prince is only the second child born to a reigning monarch since Queen Victoria gave birth to Princess Beatrice in 1857. Prince Andrew, born in 1960, was the other.

Both Prince Charles and Princess Anne were born while the queen was still Princess Elizabeth.

Forty-one gun salutes will be fired Wednesday from Hyde Park and the ancient Tower of London to mark the royal arrival. Naval ships have also been ordered to fire 21-gun salutes, while the Royal Air Force will stage a fly-past over London with a formation of jet fighters.